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With the Negotiation of Monsieur *Guil-*
leragues the *French* Ambassadour
at the *P O R T*.

In a Letter Written by an Officer of the
Grand Vizir's to a *Pacha*.

Translated into English.

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To the Right Honourable
G E O R G E Lord MARQUESS
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HALLIFAX

Lord PRIUYS-SEAL, &c.

My LORD,

IT is not that this little Piece is thought to deserve so Great a Patron, that it presumes to wear your Lordships Livery : But as *Epicurus* neither Worship'd the Gods for any good he expected from them, nor feared them for any harm they could do him, but Ador'd them for the Excellency of their Natures : So for the same reason is your Lordship chosen the Object of this Dedication. It is a Novelty, so may be indur'd ; short, therefore cannot be extremely Troublesom : And relating to Affairs

Epistle Dedicatory.

fairs of State, knows not where so Naturally to apply it self, as to your Lordship, whose steddy Maxims, and direct Counsels, have in a short time put out of breath, a Head-strong, Pamper'd, and unruly Faction, more then all the Doublings, Windings and Turnings of some Apish Politicians could have done in an Age. Your Services to the Crown, and Merits from the Nation are so great, that Time and the Memory of them must be of equal Durance : And but to mention them here, would appear gross Flattery ; a Crime, which could the Dedicator be guilty of, it must be meerly for guilt sake ; since Fortune has placed him below Hope, and his small Philosophy beyond Fear : But your Lordship's Admirers being no fewer then all those who wish well to their King and Country ; He presumes in that huge Crowd to place himself, being

Your Lordships

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Devoted Servant.

TO THE
READER.

IT seems to be a kind of Law of our Natures, that our Minds should be often busied about things, which do not immediately, or perhaps not at all, relate to our own proper Happiness, which is an Extravagancy we find nothing but Man infected with ; Other Creatures desires, and indeavours being confin'd to their Necessities or Pleasures : But this afflicting quality of ours, never appears so much a Disease amongst us, as when it is employed unseasonably in matters of Government ; nor never, I believe, was more Infectious in one Nation, then it hath been lately in ours. To search for the Cause, or prescribe a Remedy, would in a Man of my Station only prove it Epidemical, and my self full of the Tokens : But however being one of these thinking things, I have followed the Dictates of my Being. And meeting with this Letter in French, have made the Sense of it English, I had no purpose in doing so, but that being retir'd and indispos'd, I had nothing else to do ; I publish it, as well to shew the Pride and Insolence of Humane Nature, when Ignorance is possesst of Absolute Power, as the Dissimulation, Fraud, and Corruption of any Sect, who pretend to be God's Elect, or only chosen People, which the Mumelans do : Such
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To the Reader.

ever claim, by the Title of Gods Children, a right to every thing ; and consequently think nothing unjust that puts them in possession of their own. “ There may too by this piece (as the French Translator saith) be seen, the perfect manner of Negotiating with the Turks ; their Pride and good Fortune ; and the Judgment of God upon the Christians, who contribute so unreasonably to the increase of a Power which tends to nothing so much as to their own Destruction. The Government of that People, though Arbitrary, shall not be censured by me, since I never read they employed the Terrible Mute and Bow-string on any Man, who like my self, pretended to no Power amongst them. Nor indeed can I discern the difference of being Nooz'd without noise or with it : for if I am unjustly to be put to Death, Twelve Mutes or Twelve sworn Enemies to me or my Principles, who can talk me to a Hangman, are all one. And I have cause to believe some wretches we have heard of, might have been making Silver Bullets, and charging Guns without Powder there till Dooms-day, before their Names had been Registred amongst unfortunate Statesmen : But it is no miracle in England, that poor crawling Creatures should be rankt amongst Politicians, and busie their no Brains about Turning of States and Kingdoms ; since it is to such, under the notion of the People, that all our half-witted Republicans Appeal, in their whims of Reformation : But that Pestilence being a little stopt at present, I hope will never in my time so rage again, as to be the most devouring of Plagues, which it prov'd to be within these last Forty Years. So

Farewell.

A
L E T T E R
 FROM
 One of the Principal Officers of the GRAND
 VIZIR, Written to a
P A C H A,
 Concerning the Business of Monsieur
Guilleragues.

HAVING prostrated my Face to the Ground, and being Rub'd with the dust of the Feet of my very good and happy Lord ; to whom God will grant a prosperous End : I shall give him an Account of what hath Arrived to the Glory of our most Invincible Emperour, King of Kings, *Mehemet Khan* ; to whom the Divine Bounty will subject all the Countries of Infidels, to place him at last in Paradise, with his Glorious Ancestors.

You know, my most fortunate Lord, that the *French* Infidels, whom God will Extirpate ; a restless People, being never quiet, came to *Chio*, under the Command of an Old Captain, in a brave Gallion, Guarded by five or six others, where they Fired during four or five hours on the Vessels of *Tripoly* in *Barbary* : They also damaged

maged the Fortrefs and the Mosques ; nor had they then ceas'd, but that the Cannon of the Faithful (with Bodies of Brass, and Wings of Dragons Vomiting Flames and Bullets) accomplish't upon them this Expression of the Noble Scriptures ; *He threw Fear into their hearts.*

Terror having in this manner seized on these Accursed ; to whom Hell must be the last Stage ; they were no longer able to use open Force ; yet ceas'd not however to keep their Station before the Port of *Chio*, stopping all Merchant Ships that brought assistance to the *Tripolines* ; there sayling up and down like Mad-men, making mighty Threats. But their Brains seem'd to be more settled, when the *Capoudan Pacha*, absolute Lieutenant to the Emperor of the seven Climates, over the Seas of this vast World, had honoured the Rode of *Chio*, by bringing thither the Gallies of the Emperour of the Earth, whose Glory shall be perpetual.

Arki
Admiral.

This Sovereign of the Seas, whom God will always favour with Winds and Happiness ; for the propagation of Muslemanisme, and the Grandure of the Invincible Rewarder our Master, had no sooner stopt his Conquering and Formidable Course, by casting Anchor, but the *French Admiral* (that the end of his days which are not far off might be happy) sent one of his principal and most trusty Captains, to deliver his Submissions and Respects, as well as to discourse him of some important Affairs ; and to assure him, of his desires to do nothing that might make the least breach of their Amity, which had for more then one Age been Establish'd, between the Great and Sovereign Emperor of the habitable World ; and the Greatest Emperor of all the Potentates of the belief of the Messia ; to whom be Salvation.

This Ambassador, an able Man, and worthy so fair an Employment, having rub'd his Face on the Vest of the Lieutenant Sovereign of the Sea ; and well acquitted himself of his Commission, appeared not at all astonish'd, when after the welcome of the *Safa Gueledy*, pronounced with that gravity and decency, peculiar to him, and which makes him be obeyed by Sea ; he heard these words : What sign of Amity dost thou bring us, to have rashly affronted the Mosques, where we Adore the great God of Heaven and Earth, without giving him Companions, or defacing his Worship by Idolatry : And where is the proofs of that Respect you boast ? Is it to have

have Fired on the Fortrefs of the Emperor, refuge to the Princes of the World : You may perhaps be able to batter down a corner or two ; but God by the Faith of *Abraham*, which we defend, and from whom we draw our Original, can from thofe tumbling Stones raife many Thoufand invincible Defenders. Tell thy Commander, I advife him as a Friend to have recourse to the Imperial Clemency, by procuring the *French* Ambaffador to fupplicate for him at the Port of Felicity.

The Christian Captain Accused the *Tripolines* of all the misfortune, who being Enemies to the *French*, violated on their Merchants the furety of the Capitulations. Then promifing to confider of the Advice had been given him, he intreated the *Capoudan Pacha* to Negotiate at the Port, as well concerning thofe of *Barbary*, and the damage at *Chio*, as about the Audience of *Monsieur Guilleragues* ; defiring him befides, to difpofe the *Tripolines* to make Peace.

During this, the *Grand Vizir* (who is the Rule and Order of the World, and who can fully finifh all Caufes, to whom God perpetuate his Grandure, and redouble his Power) was in difpute with the *French* Ambaffador about the *Sofa* ; it being the *Grand Dowanier* Chief C that Conducted that Affair, who likewise ferv'd himfelf of other ftomer. Persons therein, which were the *French* Interpreters : It being below the Dignity of the Emperour of the World, that one of his confiderable Officers fhould go to an Ambaffador, unlefs it were to conclude a bufinefs.

It was a long time, that this Mediator had amused the Ambaffador, by fending him Difcourfes, that the fecond generally destroyed the firft ; repairing thofe again, perhaps by a third, which juft fignified nothing : Sometimes the Interpreters would tell him, That the *Dowanier* faluted him, and faid, he had good hopes : The next time they would bring him word, That he appeared *Shagrin*, tho he failed not to falute him ; and perhaps might have fome particular Affair of his own that difquieted him ; but that he had too intimated, that the Ambaffador did himfelf no good Office by being fo Obftinate in the Point of the *Sofa* ; for that *Kieupruli* the Father Two la proceeded as the *Vizir* pretends : And though *Kieupruli* the Son Gand V did give the *Sofa* during his latter time, it was at *Constantinople*, zirs. where he was in a manner *Incognito* ; and not at *Adrianople*, where indeed there is no *Sofa* in the Chamber of Audience : Another day

would bring him news, That the *Dowanier* appeared very merry, and did not cease his indeavours, but returned him thanks too for the Wine he sent him daily.

Chief Secretary.

He likewise sent his Interpreters to the * *Kaihaia* of the *Vizir* and the Lord of the Clerks, who bid them Salute the Ambassador on their parts, and assure him, they took pains for him; saying too, That the *Dowanier* was his sure Friend, as well as themselves.

The Interpreters coming another time from these Officers, would tell the Ambassador, that they could not yet find a proper time to speak to the *Vizir*, because that Minister is ever busied about the great Affairs of the World; which tumble in upon him every moment of the day; sometimes like the Waves of the Sea, assaulting him with fury; but are by him resisted, and drove back, as by an unshaken Rock, surmounting all difficulties by his Grand Genius, which penetrates and resolves, with ease, the most Mystrious and Doubtful Matters: That it was necessary, great Affairs should precede small ones, and that this of the Ambassadors, would have its time; for which he should not be impatient.

Governor of Constantinople.

The Ambassadors knock't too at other Doors, as at that of the Chief Gardiners; who likewise amused him, and found his account in this Negotiation: He attempted the Mediation of the most Illustrious * *Kaimmakam*, formerly *Kahaia* or Chief Secretary to the Sovereign *Vizir*, who appeared with a frowning Countenance to the Interpreters, with difficulty permitting them the Honor to kiss the bottom of his Vest, and deliver the Complement of their Master; which when he heard, appearing astonish't, though he knew all the business before: How! saith he, have you not yet finish't this matter? On what can you think, that you make not your Ambassador resolve? He cannot of himself be so Obstinate; it must be you that give him ill Counsel, contrary to your own proper knowledge; for you cannot be ignorant, how things have past, at former Audiences: beware of your heads. They excus'd themselves by saying, Their Master was resolved rather to dye, then be wanting to the Orders of the Emperor of *France*: And that for themselves, they were only poor Interpreters, always ready to receive the high Commands of the Sublime Port; and to report back, the most humble Reasons of their Ambassador; to whom they would most faithfully Relate what it pleased the most Illustrious *Kaimmakam* to Com-

Command them, who stroking his Beard brought it together; then pulling it a little, and casting down his Eyes, as if he were thinking, Very well, says he, Salute the Lord Ambassador on my part; bid him be Obstinate no longer, for it is not his best way of Serving the Emperor of *France*.

They were forced to return to the *Kehaia* of the *Vizir* and the *Reiseffend*, who told them they had spoken to their Master in Favour of the Ambassador, (God knows in what manner,) and that his Answer was, He would speak to the *Sultan* Emperor of the World; the Issue whereof they expected with good hopes.

The Interpreter of the Port of *Felicity* was moved in it too, who Employed all his Eloquence to ingage the prudence of the Ambassador, to take the best course; assuring him there was no better then to yield; for in giving satisfaction to the *Vizir* in this, he would oblige a Lord, able to return it a hundred times double in other occasions. One could make the Ambassie of *Monsieur Guilleragues* Glorious, so as to deface the Memory of all his Predecessors: In fine, this was no longer the business of the Grand *Vizir*, but the *Sultans*.

The return again to the *Kehaia* and *Reiseffend*, who told them their Master had not yet spoke to his Highness; The Clerks too sent some Complements to the Ambassador; from whom one of his Interpreters came one day to tell him, as a thing had been Communicated in good Will: That if he would relax his pretence to the *Sofa* in all other things, he would have more honour then he could desire. Sometimes the Interpreters told the Ambassador, that having been delivering the Petitions to the Grand *Vizir*, concerning the ordinary Affairs, they had been well received by him, who had asked News of their Master, and made some advances, which seem'd Demonstrations of plain dealing: So that if things were not ended before his going to *Adrianople*, all would be agreed at his return. In fine, my most Honoured Lord, whilst this Affair remained int he Clouds of Retardment, even after the *Vizir*'s return, we had the news of what had past at *Chio*.

The Grand *Vizir* was in a Rage, but as his great Soul never yields to the extreamest difficulties, so it submitted not at all to this, which was but of the middle ones: He expos'd it at the Foot of the Throne, of the Sovereign Master of the World, where having prostrated

strated himself, and received his Orders, he returned to his House, and sent for the Grand *Dowanier*, Commanding him to let the *French Ambassador* be told, That it was no longer his business (at least at present) to dispute the *Sofa*, but to repair the Mischiefs done at *Chio*, as well to the *Mosques*, as *Fortress*; and to try by all manner of Submissions to obtain a Pardon from the King of Kings, for that Action: And that in the first place he should begin by a Letter to the *French Admiral* concerning what he had done; and to Command him to do no more, nor come nearer *Constantinople*, till they tryed to obtain his Pardon: For if not, the *Sultan* would let loose his just Indignation, and stop his Ears to Mercy, to the utter Destruction of him the *Ambassador* and the whole *French Nation*: That they knew he had exceeded his Orders; The Emperor of *France* being too great an Emperor, too Just, and too Good a Friend to Command an Enterprize so contrary to the Antient Amity.

The *Dowanier* Replyed, That the Head of our Invincible Master, and yours, may be at *Repose*; I dare answer for the *Embassador* in this: I can oblige him to submit to any thing you please: If he make some seeming Resistance, it will only be for Form-Sake. He hath no desire to Ingage himself in any thing may put him out of his Employment: He is for getting of Money, as his Profession, and manner of Living demonstrate; and has been here too small a time, to desire to be gone so fast.

These words were not given in vain, for the *Embassador* writ divers times to the *Admiral*, who thereupon remained without doing any thing, like a Lyon bound in Chains; These Letters were full of real Fear, and perfect Terror lest his doing more, might displease the *Sultan* in the least. But to hasten things the *Embassador* went himself to the *Kehaia* of the Grand *Vizir*, who made him thoroughly sensible of the mighty Crime the *French Admiral* had Committed, able to overturn the whole Negotiation, and reduce into Captivity all the *French* within the *Ottoman Empire*; was there not some reason to hope that he as a Prudent *Ambassador*, would procure Mercy, and Forgiveness from the most happy and most Invincible Emperor of the Earth. The *Ambassador* would have defended himself, by pretending that nothing past at *Chio*, could in the least be interpreted to intend a Breach of the Antient Amity: That if they had Fired on the *Fortress*, and hurt some Houses, it was but
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by accident, and in a Just defence: since those from thence, had first Fired on the Ships, belonging to the Emperor of *France*. That this Storm of the Just Indignation of his Master, had been restrained for a long time by his Natural Moderation; but must at last, by Gods permission, fall upon the heads of those Thieves, Rebels to the Grand Seignior himself; The *Tripolins* unworthy to enjoy the Protection of his Highness; They who had taken the Merchants Goods and Vessels of the *French*, entering the Ports of the *Ottoman* Empire; Nay, in the very Ports themselves, and under the Command of the *Sultans* Ports. That these Pirates only were responsible for all pretended Damage, since only they were true occasions of it.

But the *Kehaia* made answer to the Ambassador, Let us separate the *Tripolins* from the injury done to the *Sultan*, they are your Enemies I allow: But the Emperor of the World, is he your Enemy? Doth he not give you daily convincing proofs of the contrary, by his Imperial benefits? You are you say, carried on by the Force and heat of a Just vengeance to pursue your Enemies: But on the other side, could not the Respect due to the King of Kings, our invincible Master, who had protected the *Tripolins* under his Forts, stop it? was there no middle way to be found, as well to preserve the Submissions due to the Sovereign of the World, who has the Universe in his Guard; As likewise to prevent the escape of your Enemies? There appears to me one, very easy, pursues the *Kehaia*, which is to have kept the *Tripolins* Besieged, till you had sent to the Port of *Felicity*, to Implore the High and Sublime Justice against them: Then had that been refused, there had been some pretence of Reason perhaps, for coming to that extremity you have done. The Ambassador strove to support himself by many weak reasons; And tho' he often protested he had something Essential to offer: All he could say appeared meer Amusements, which obliged the *Kehaia*, to stop his Mouth, with these words.

The Emperor of *France*, which we distinguish Infinitely beyond other Potentates, as the most Powerful, best Born, and ancientest Friend to the Port of *Felicity*, the end of whose days be happy, who surpasses all his Ancestors in Strength, Wisdom, and every sort of Merit; and who is formidable to all Christendom: Would he take it well, if we should do to him, as his Admiral hath done, to the true *Kalife*, or Successor, to the greatest of all the Prophets: the

Sultan Elbarrein, and *Khaijan*, and *Bahrein*, King of the two Continents, and Emperor of the two Seas, the *Cayzar Cezar*, the Distributer of the Crowns of *Cozroes*. To whom God perpetuate his Grandure, to the very day of Judgement.

If one of our Invincible Armies (as Numerous as the Sands in the Sea) should Attaque our Enemies, under one of your Masters Forts, what would he say ? What Complaints had he not reason to make ? Is it not known, that the Commander of our Galleyes, let escape from his Fury, the Ships of the Enemies of *Cheinha*, King of Kings, because they took Sanctuary, under the Standard of *Padicha*, Emperor of *France* ? And was it not done as it should be ? Could I, Lord Ambassador, produce a more pertinent Example ? But yet take another, that may guide you to take right measures, in seriously thinking, how to conclude this, and to bring your self out of the present danger : We have heard by certain Confus'd reports, That some Souldiers, belonging to a *Spanish* Garrison in *Flanders* (a Land of Vices) Incouraged by the strength of the Place, which they thought Impregnable, had grown so Insolently Foolish, as to go forth like Furies, Meriting Hell, to Attaque and Rob some *French* Souldiers, immediately Retiring with their Booty, into that Center of their Cowardice; much mistaken in thinking they were there Safe : For the Emperor of *France*, resolving that this Injury, which hurt the Peace should be repaired : Reserved the Conquest of the Place, whence it was done, to another time ; It being not yet predestinated to be his : Therefore remaining Embarrassed in the Clouds of certain delays, he contented himself, that they should make amends for the Rashness of these Madmen, undoubted Limbs of the Devil, by Money. We know, continued the *Kehaia*, that the Governors of this Country, by Order of their Master, thinking themselves happy, in not seeing Roll in upon them, the mighty Forces of the Emperor of *France*, whose very shadows make them Tremble ; delivered *Hostage*, and sent the money agreed upon, with Solemn Presents : which he was pleased to accept, not for their Value, but as proofs of their Homage, Submissions, and Reparation they were forced to make : He made this little Sacrifice Considerable by his acceptance, and Imperial Clemency : Here was nothing but a few *French* Plundered to contest about, but we have the Faithful Kill'd and Wounded, who call for Revenge, and the Holy Stones that demand

mand it, which are Rent from some of our *Mosques*: There must be Blood, or Repentance, by Submissions, Exposed to the view of the Publick, or your Person must answer all, and be Lyable to great extremities: Therefore think well of all these Circumstances. Thus ended the Discourse of the *Kehaia* to the Ambassador, who pretended, that the last example, was not truly Reported: He affirmed that the Emperor of *France*, always Invincible, never amused himself about trifling Presents: And that he knew how to make his Enemies, render true Homage, and ever punish't those, that violated his Amity without a cause, by Fire and Sword; Not forgetting neither a Generous Clemency, truly Noble, and disinterested, when he thought it convenient to suppress his Anger. In fine, the Ambassador concluded, That he had no fear for his Person, sufficiently protected by the Power of his Master, and the Right of Nations: Saying, He had nothing to give. The *Kehaia* told him, He had time to think, because the Sovereign *Vizir*, stayed for the Answer of the *Capoudan Pacha*, Admiral of the Seas, to know truly how all things past at *Chio*; Whereupon he would receive the Orders, given at the Fleet of the Sovereign, who pronounces the destiny of the Universe: There upon the Ambassador Retired to his House at *Pera*.

The most Serene and Illustrious *Vizir*, who knows how to make use of his Prudence, and his Force, as is most proper, contented himself not to hasten the Matter. His faithful Councillor the Grand *Dowanier* Negotiated constantly by the usual Persons with the Ambassador, who gave him positive assurances of his yielding; and that he would oblige him to submit, assuring him, he had made the Ambassador sufficiently apprehend a Rupture, as a thing would be of little advantage to the Affairs of *France* in General, or his own in particular.

But during these delays, the *Capoudon Pacha*, obedient to the Orders of the Sovereign *Vizir*, had entred the Port of *Chio*, the better to understand the cause of the Disorder; and fully to inform himself of every particular, that he might the sooner Contribute to the Peace he intended: There he was informed the that Cursed Old Admiral of the *French*, who surely
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knows how to live by Air, and takes pleasure to dance on the most Inraged Waves of a Tempestuous Sea; living on them as on the most Firm Ground; and like a perfect Fish values neither Winter nor Summer.

This Man who ceases not to Live, tho' a hundred years Old; and four score of them hath made good provision in the Market, where they Sell Cheats, Tricks, and Fourberies cheap: Took advantage of the Narrow entrance into the Port of *Chio*. And after having made so many Compliments and Civilities to the *Capoudan Pacha*, did now intreat him, not to think of stirring out till he had Surrendred the *Tripolins*, or obliged them to submit. Nay more, this daring Old Man, who seems to forget Death, and yet remains in Life, by the permission of God, meerly to augment his Crimes, the more to Burn in Hell, had the presumption to search several *Turkish Gallies*. The *Capoudan Pacha* had not fail'd to go out to punish his Insupportable Insolence, had not the Sea and Season Inconvenient for Gallies prevented it; so he could do no more then give Advice of all, to that High Tribunal whose Foundations are unmovable.

The Grand *Vizir* whose Angellick understanding knows a perfect remedy for every thing, had no sooner notice of the vain Glory, Presumption and Ill-Built Pride of this Old Commander of the *French Gallies*, in presuming to keep (as it were Imprisoned) the Admiral and Gallies of the Emperor of the World; but he sent for the Grand *Dowanier* to debate the Business, between whom it was thought convenient, that the Ambassador should be Frighted; they both being Confident he would yield, rather then expose himself to the Affronts to which Revenge too much Ingaged their Master; and that all the Pride of which he made so great appearance, was only to save his Honour, and preserve a Profitable Employment.

We now ended the Moon worthy of Blessing, which is that of our Fast of *Ramazan*; it being the Eve of the Feast of *Bairan* which is begun by rendring thanks to God for giving us the Grace to Fast thirty days compleat: The Grand *Vizir* Indefatigable in the Obedience he pays, as well to the Great Master of Nature, who has no Companions, as to his Lieutenant.

nant on Earth, his most Perfect Image; the Emperor of the *Mussulmans*, Revenger of the Divine Unity: This Grand *Vizir* having kept so long a Fast, was come to the thirtieth day, which he had past, without Eating or Drinking, from the Rising of the Sun to its going down: ceased not however to preserve his full Strength and Prudence, of which he gave convincing proofs to the *French Ambassador*.

He sent for him in the Evening before the Feast of *Bairan*, just as the Canons ending their Fast, denounced the next days Solemnity; so that he who doth not too well understand our customs arrived at the Grand *Vizir's* in the midst of that Thunder, sufficient to terrifie him, as being the presage of that Rage and Threats, was going to fall upon him. They made him attend above an hour in a Chamber, whilst the Grand *Vizir* was doing his Devotions; where some mov'd him to accept his Audience below the *Sofa*, which he absolutely refused, proposing to remain where he was, or in some other Room, from whence he would answer the *Vizir* by Message. But this Lieutenant to the Emperor of the World was resolved to discourse him face to face; that he might dart at him, Glances like Lightning from that Majestick Presence, Adorn'd with *Eagles Eyes*. He placed himself on a Seat prepared on the *Sofa*, having first Gravely returned, by an almost Imperceptible declining of his head, the Submissive Reverence the Ambassador made him: You must know this *Christian* had but few with him, many not deserving to enter that Place: he was invited to sit below; But having Generously resisted several Motions, something Violent, by which they attempted to Constrain him; and seeming as if he would Revenge by Blows the Force, they desisted: By which he had Liberty to deliver a Letter from the Emperor of *France*, to the *Vizir*, concerning the *Sofa*; It was considered too, that remaining standing as he was, it seem'd to be in a posture more Respectfull, and readier to obey the Orders he was about to receive: It was then agreed, that the Interpreter of the *Port* should explain for the *Vizir*, and the Ambassadors for him.

The Discourse of the *Vizir* touched the Grandeur of the Emperor of the *Mussulmans*, of the respect due to him, of the

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Danger to offend him; of the necessity readily to make Satisfaction for such a Crime: And Lastly, Of the Goodness and Clemency of the Master of the World, willing always to Pardon those that humble themselves, and repair the Injuries done to his Slaves: Adding these words, It is for thee therefore * *Eftchibeig*, as the Surety of the * *Gadicha* of *France*, thy Master; and Hostage residing at the Sovereign Port of *Felicity*, for confirmation of the Peace, to repair all that weakness it, during the Embassie. It is for thee then to pay the Damage at *Chio*, for the death of some Faithful: The Breaches in the *Mosques*, and the Mischief done to the *Cittadel*; I demand of thee for this, three hundred and fifty thousand Crowns: And a due Submission to such an Emperor as my Master, who is Protector of the true Belief. This thou must perform or go to the seven Towers, I tell thee as a Friend, thou must obey the Inevitable Doom of the Great Master of the World, pronounced to me, when prostrated as his Slave at the Foot of his Throne, the perfect and bright Resemblance of the Celestial one. The Ambassador by Amusements sought to alter the *Vizir's* Resolution, alledging the necessity of obeying the Emperor of *France*, who had Commanded his Admiral to pursue to Death, the Thieving *Tripolins*, Enemies to *France*, and Rebels to the Port; a People unworthy the Protection of his Highness, having Seized the Merchants under the Forts of the *Ottoman* Empire: And taken the *Consul* of *Cyprus* out of his House, where he ought by the Capitulations of Peace to have been safe: He then alledged, that if he was to be consider'd as a Hostage to Answer for what should happen on the Emperor of *Frances* part; It could only be Intended to relate to things Ordinary, and not to those that were out of his Power, as the business of *Chio* was: The Circumstances too of which, he say'd, were aggravated: He professed himself troubled, that Chance and a Lawful defence against the Fort, which had first Fired on the Standard of his Master, should produce some Disorder; But protested too that he cou'd promise nothing was demanded for it, and had only power write to *France* the true State of things, and wait his Answer thence. That as to the Seven Towers, it was easy to send him thither, but it was the way

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to make a Rupture: He then declared he would meddle no more in any thing, for a Prisoner contrary to the Laws of Nations, was no longer Capable of Negotiating: The *Vizir* having declared he knew nothing of the business of *Cyprus*, said, they might have Besieged the *Tripolins* in the Port of *Chio* without Firing into it; and that during his Imprisonment, the Commerce should continue, provided there arrived no other Acts of Hostility; telling him too, that other *French* Ambassadors had been Imprisoned, which the Emperor of *France* had not taken ill.

The Ambassador Reply'd, That his Master had not foreseen this Accident, which was indeed Morally Impossible he should; that if the same usage had been to some of his Predecessors, it was not totally without cause, as in the Case of Monsieur *La Haye*, who was Imprisoned, as a Spye for the *Venetians*: But for himself he had Prerogatives above other Ambassadors, and had been ever Faithful to the Port: That, in fine, He was Ambassador of *France*, and it behov'd them to consider well, before they did any thing might wrong that Character.

The Grand *Vizir* demanded Proofs of this great Fidelity he boasted; doth it, saith he, consist in Confederating with the *French* Admiral? to demean himself as Enemy to the Grand *Sultan* of the *Osmons*: And how shall we discern this mighty Prerogative above other Ambassadors, in one who can meekly complain concerning Trifles, with which the Port hath such constant Troubles; and pretends no Power to treat about an Affair of Importance, wherein they had Just cause to complain.

The Ambassador urged, That the business of *Cyprus*, and many others, concerning which he had delivered Memorials to the *Vizirs* Officers, were no Trifling matters; and that he had no knowledge of the Orders which the *French* Admiral had, more then what he had received from him, by Letters. But the *Vizir* remained firm to his Resolution, repeating to him, Pay or thou goest to Prison: what I say to thee, is nothing but an effect of my Friendship; take time to consider of it, and do thy best, before there happens to thee some great affront. But the Ambassador persisting in the same use-
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less Reasoning ; was by the Grand *Vizir* thus admonished.

It becomes a Servant like thee, who Mediates Affairs, between a Mighty and Invincible Emperor, and thy Master the King of *France*, whom we distinguish much before all other Christian Kings, to behave himself with all Care and Wisdom, having ever before his Eyes the danger of suffering any thing to slip between them, might occasion Enmity or Coldness ; to the end that the Subjects of two such great Monarchies may be free from Trouble : think therefore of Submitting, and speedily paying, or thou goest to the Seven Towers.

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The Ambassadour having no more to say, retired ; but instead of sending him to the Seven Towers, they convey'd him to the little Lobby of the Chamber belonging to the *Chiaoux Barby* : So he stirred not out of the *Vizir's* House, but there remained Prisoner, soon comforting himself, as we may think in that Confinement, since he boasted, that he had prevented being sent to the Seven Towers : One may indeed rationally conclude, That he thought of nothing but the Prison, with which he was threatned ; and therefore seem'd not to resent the other, in which he was kept. He seem'd to be pleas'd, and studied to appear free, refusing all was sent him from the *Vizir's* Kitchen, and eating nothing but what came from his own. He shew'd too a kind of false Resolution, to be steddly, against all the Overtures were made him, to accommodate the matter, declaring by Reiterated Protestations, that he neither could nor would give any thing, except some Curiosities he had by him : Whereupon the *Vizir* sent him this Message, The Amity I bear thee, and my most earnest Solicitations, have almost prevailed to make acceptable thy most humble Discourses, before the Foot of the Imperial Throne ; an Object worthy all the submissions and respect of Mortals : Thou shalt therefore within six Months of this time, cause to be brought hither some Curiosities of *France*, worthy the Acceptance of the Sublime Majesty of the Emperor of the Believers ; with a Letter from the *Padi-cha* of *France*, by which he shall declare to the *Sultan* his ignorance of the Fact that hath been committed ; and that he did

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did never intend his Ships should have done any thing, could alter the Ancient Friendship : And that if by chance something had happen'd at *Chio*, contrary to his intention, he was troubled at it. The Ambassador explain'd himself on the Message, not allowing any Crime, but said he would procure such a Letter as was proper in the Case : And that for the Presents, they should be in his own Name, and not in that of his Masters. Things being thus prepared, they brought the Ambassador, the fourth day of his Imprisonment, to a Chamber of Liberty, which was that of the *Kebaia*, to which the Interpreter of the Port conducted him : There he met the *Kebaia* and the *Chiaux Barby*, who first magnified the kindness of the *Vizir*, and his dexterity in appeasing the Rage of the *Sultan* ; and then mutually fell to commending their own, as well as the endeavours of the *Dowanier*. They seem'd to approve too, the Conduct of the Ambassador, but would not confide in his word, saying, it was necessary to be cautious in things relating to the Great Emperor of the *Osman*s : And therefore the promise of the Ambassador must be in Writing under his Hand and Seal.

There hap'n'd some dispute in forming it, but at last it was agreed, That the satisfaction should be express, to intend a reparation for the mischief done by the Emperor of *France*'s Ships at *Chio* : They would have ascertain'd the Presents, but the Ambassador would only promise they should be honest or proper ; and undertook too, for a Letter from the Emperor of *France*, in which consisted the Matter of the Writing he gave for his Liberty ; whereupon he departed to his own House ; however protesting before he went, That he would perform nothing, except the *Sofa* were granted him : And that the *Tripolins* were obliged to make a Peace : They bid him be contented, and not doubt of satisfaction.

There was, indeed; effectual Orders sent to the *Capoudon Pacha*, to conclude the Treaty with the *Tripolins*, since the Ambassador had promised to repair the damage at *Chio* ; the Treaty was Concluded at the Foot of the Throne of Heroes who have the World in Wardship ; and ended to the satisfaction of the Old Admiral of the *French* Fleet ; whom it had
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been well to have sent dead into his Country ; for instead of retiring thereupon as was expected, he demonstrated a Resolution of making a longer stay, and of keeping in the Gallies, covering however his actions with a pretence of Civility and Fair dealing ; sending word to the *Capoudan Pacha*, that after to sure a proof of his great Genius, in reconciling him and the *Tripolines*, it was unjust he should be stayed longer there, desiring him therefore to procure satisfaction might be given to the Ambassador, or that he might have leave to return, declaring he was bound to stay till one or the other was granted.

The *Vizir* consider'd, as he ought, the Resolution and Boundless Obstinacy, of this Old Captain ; who though he had many causes hourly to fear death ; yet acted as if death were afraid of him ; negotiating like one of Thirty or Fourty, that had hopes of many years to live.

The Grand *Vizir* making just reflexions on the steddly Obstinacy, meriting Hell of this Old Seaman, sent for the *Dowanier*, who as a Secret, I must needs say, my most Honor'd Lord, is a true Devil Incarnate ; to whom this Illustrious and Fortunate Lieutenant to the Emperor of the World thus expressed himself : If all the *French* were as Resolute as this Old Admiral, we should be hard put to't to find the Moments of their wavering, and ordinary inconstancy. But if on the one side, the great God gives us this proof of their steddiness ; he shews us too on the other their Natural Genius, in the facility of changing the Ambassador. Should we imploy the Invincible Naval Forces of the King of Kings, the success would be doubtful, for the *French* lye too far from us ; but easily approach our Fortresses, having the Christians Harbours for their Succours : This makes me think my self predestinated for another Conduct, which will be more to the purpose then hazard, or to say better, the assistance of God, which is never wanting to the Faithful, will divide the *French* Councils, and make them Combat one another, as they did at *Candia* : Do you therefore to this purpose Negotiate with the Ambassador, who believes you his friend, serve your self with all your understanding, upon his Credulous Temper, to di-

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vide him from this other *French-man*, who is a thorough-pac'd Infidel, covetous of Blood and Slaughter, and one who seems to have forgot his Country, so Jealousie between the two Infidels.

The *Dowanier* is one full of the Slights and Tricks, natural to those of his Race, being by Birth a *Chinquene*, who has improv'd his Subtleties and Fourberies by his Imployment in the Customs ; so he received the Orders of the Sovereign *Vizir*, with great Submission, promising, *at the peril of his Head*, to execute them.

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He made it be told the Ambassador, that now things were in a good way, this Old Mad Admiral would spoil all ; and it was to be feared by his restless Temper, produce an absolute Rupture : That he was an Ambitious, and Aspiring kind of Genius, that could not be contented to have ended the Affair of the *Tripolines* which only concerned him, to his own hearts desire, but must now be meddling too with that of the Embassie, that the glory of gaining all Points might seem to be his ; and that since all things were adjusted, only that Point of the *Sofa*, which the *Vizir* was resolved to grant too, it was necessary to remove this busie Obstacle, to a perfect Reconciliation.

The Ambassador gave credit to this Man, whom the *Musliman's* themselves believe but by force ; he therefore writ to the *French* Admiral to depart to *Milo*, on pretence of refitting, and to return again, if things were not accommodated as he expected : This Letter made him separate from the Sea of *Chio*, which he seem'd before to have espoused ; first sending his humble request to the *Capoudan Pacha*, that he would Mediate at the Foot of the Sublime Throne, that satisfaction might be given to the *French* Ambassador.

The most fortunate *Vizir*, whom God will always prosper, was not a little pleas'd, to see enter into *Constantinople* the Fleet which had been so long detain'd at *Chio* : And was extremely well satisfied with the Conduct of the *Dowanier*, whom he ordered to continue his usual Amusements to the Ambassador ; who for four or five Months was perpetually

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Imbarraſt with delays : He boasted mightily of his Fidelity to the Sublime Port, in having put a ſtop to the violent Reſolutions of the *French* Admiral (though before he had pretended to have no power over him) he therefore continually urged their keeping promiſe with him about the *Sofa* ; ſometimes it would be promiſed him, and then again made doubtful : Then it would be ſuggeſted as deſigned in a Chamber without *Sofa*, to be purpoſely dedicated to the Audiences of the *French* Ambaſſador : But at laſt he was plainly told, nothing at all could be done in it, till he had performed his promiſe concerning the Preſents ; and that then they would think of contenting him.

The *French* Admiral, during theſe delays, was returned again, near to *Chio*, being at the Iſles of *Ourlar*, on the Coaſt of *Smyrna* : where the wiſe *Vizir* by the help of the Grand *Dowanier* found means a long time to amuſe him. But the Ambaſſador beginning to diſcover, that he was deluded, writ to this old Madman, to approach to the *Cape* of *Janiffaries*, near *Smyrna* : But commanded him too not to come nearer the *Dardanelloes*, thoſe Keys of the World, aſſuring him if he did, it would prove the deſtruction of all the *French* Fleet ; And then theſe would be no Quarter for the Merchants, nor Ambaſſador himſelf. We knew theſe Circumſtances by reaſon the *Dowanier*, at the beginning, whileſt the Matter of *Chio* depended, had ſo poſſeſt the *French* Ambaſſador with the aſſurance of that danger ; that, that terror ſtill poſſeſt him, which had prevented the *French* Admiral coming nearer them before : And was now again the Cauſe that he only came to an Anchor, as I ſaid before, at the *Cape* of *Janiffaries*, which is the entrance of that Gulf which Conducts one by a ſpace of ſeven or eight Miles to theſe Caſtles, which are the firſt Keys of this vaſt and ſtrong City : the deſire of Kings, the ſplendid and proud Town of *Conſtantinople*. The *Dowanier* had likewiſe receiv'd intelligence from *Smyrna*, that the *French* Admiral was troubled, he had obey'd the Ambaſſador, declaring he knew that was not the way to do themſelves good. You muſt know too, my moſt Honoured Lord, that the Grand *Vizir* was

was assured that this *French* Admiral, had received Orders to make a speedy return Home, to go against *Algier*. The Theater of War and Foyle of a Mighty *d' Gachar* of *Germany*, who now burns in Hell. But be it as it will, as a secret I assure you, the most Serene and Illuminated *Vizir* resented the whole matter with great satisfactions, in having it Conducted so that he hazarded not the Reputations of these two Castles, which are the Jaws of this great Giant of *Constantines*: But that they appeared Formidable to the very *French*, the most powerful of all Infidels; whose seem to fear neither Storms, Famine, Fire nor Water. Their Admiral being thus as it were Chain'd from passing the *Cape* of *Janissaries*, was certainly as we are inform'd all fury for being forced to return so soon; and that he must be reduced to Prayers for having been obedient to an Embassy. He therefore against his will Writ a most submissive Letter to the Supreme *Vizir*, Intreating him that satisfaction might be given to the Ambassador by having Audience on the *Sofa*, or that he might take his leave; He being obliged to stay to carry him back. The Messenger who brought the Letter was one of the Captains of the Gallions, and one we knew to be a most particular Friend to the Ambassador.

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This Envoy came to *Constantinople* well perpar'd with many good reasons to have offer'd to the Supream Arbitrator of the affairs of Mankind, the Lieutenant to the Emperor of the World. But being unworthy to appear in his Presence, that Honor was refused him, and he was referred to the Chief Steward of the Household of this Councillor, full of the Glory of the King of Kings.

The Grand *Vizir* who knows well how to preserve the Honor of his Supream Dignity, refused to receive the Letter from the *French* Admiral, declaring he would have no business with him. And as to two sent him by the Ambassador of *France*, wherein he desires leave to depart except he might have Audience on the *Sofa*, Alledging it was the Order of his Master: He made no other Answer but commanded him to send him those Orders of the Emperor of *France*. But the most Illuminated *Vizir* having made them to be Interpreted to him, returned

them without saying one word; which obliged the Ambassador to a Third: Wherein with Counterfeit earnestness he desires leave to retire, pretending that the *French* Admiral was bound to stay for him. This useless refinement caused the Grand *Vizir* to smile, who knew that General was immediately to depart, and that the Envoy from him hourly pressed the Ambassador to dispatch him away.

The Wise *Vizir* perceiving the subtle design of the Ambassador, who made not the least mention of discharging the Obligation he had given in Writing, sent him this Answer. The most happy Port, which is the Sanctuary of the Empires of the Age, is ever open to all those who desire the Glory to enter: And those that would have the shame to depart, we never detain by Force, except they be Debtors. Thou mayest then be gone; But first think of Paying thy Debts, comply with thy obligation; make thy Money and Presents to the value of three Hundred and fifty Thousand Crowns be laid at the Feet of the Emperor of the *Osmons*. And with this Attonement, for the business of *Chio* (unworthy our Master, but which he is pleased to accept as a Mark of thy Humility) thou shalt have leave to be gone.

The Ambassador, who it seems, had not before, well consider'd the consequence of his promise, not dreaming perhaps it extended so far; protested he had nothing came near those demands. They told him he was bound by his Writing to make honest Presents to the Grand Seignior; demanding of him, what that word *Honest* imply'd: Declaring to him in Fine, that since the six Months time agreed upon was past, he was obliged to perform his promise. He declared that those Curiosities he had provided were rare and rich, worthy the acceptance of the Invincible Emperor. It was then required that they might be View'd; to which purpose some Persons were sent by the Sovereign *Vizir*: But upon their description contain'd in a Catalogue upon the first sight of them, the value the Ambassador set upon them, and his offer of some small Summ to Augment them, were both rejected. But there being no other way to conclude: The Envoy of the *French* Admiral

miral was forced to be gone without taking with him the Ambassador, whom he was constrained to leave as a Debtor at the Port of Felicity.

The Grand *Vizir* whom nothing escapes, understanding the hasty departure of the *French* Captain, to joyn his Admiral to Sail with him for *France*: was then Confirm'd in the advice had been given him of the speedy departure of the *French* Fleet; and though he knew well enough that the Ambassador did not intend to fly stript away, yet he counterfeit-ed a care to prevent it, as a thing unjust that he should go without paying.

The time came on which makes it necessary that the Naval Force of the Emperor of the World should go forth; Of which the Grand *Vizir* took particular Care; going himself divers times to the *Arsenal* about it: So when it was ready to Sail and Salute with all its Cannon and Artillery, the Sovereign of the Earth sitting upon his Throne of Felicity, the Admiral went to prostrate himself before the Invincible Emperor, and to receive his Orders. He was commanded to shape his Course for the *Archipelлагues*, and to receive the submissions of the *French* Admiral as he past: who would not as the Ambassador promised, (fail to do his Duty:) After which he was to proceed as occasions required. All was performed as was Order'd. The *Capoudan Pacha* doubled the Point of the *Seraglio* with his Fleet: and having past the Jaws or old Castles, came to an Anchor at the Mouth of the Gulf, where having received the Respects of the old *French* Admiral, he weighed and continued his way: It seem'd as if this *French* Admiral only waited for that happy moment, for it was no sooner past but he hoisted Sail for his own Countrey: very joyful no doubt to escape that just punishment his rashness had merited.

The most honor'd *Vizir* well satisfied so to have mortified the Old Man, applied all his Thoughts in contriving the reparation was in Publick and Solemn Pomp, to be made in the presence of the August Monarch of the Universe: To which purpose he sent for the *Grand Dowanier*, merrily asking him, when he would make an end of his very good Friends business.

business; adding, though with Authority, that it must now be dispatcht. They both were of opinion there would be little difficulty in bringing it about, being certain the Ambassador would not be sorry to get forth of the trouble; especially now, when the Admiral was gone: But they thought some Arguments would be necessary to persuade him; as first, That he was obliged by his promise, made as Ambassador, to repair the damage done by his Master's Ships: That there was an appearance too of Orders come from *France*, which left it to his discretion, as things should occur upon the place; upon which, and other Arguments, they both concluded, that if he was prest and threat'ned he would yield. But the *Dowanier* went on with the Discourse to the *Vizir* in these Terms: I can assure you, my most happy Master, that the Ambassador demurs not but only for appearances; he disputes of the quality of the Presents and quantity of Money, that it may not be supposed in *France* he yields too easily; give him a little time to please his fancy with feigned resistance, and he will make the less Reflection on the manner he is to make his Submissions; he desires to have it thought, that he gives no Money, and desires extremely to have that remitted or conceal'd; but how can that be, when it must be borrowed of the *English* and *Hollanders*? He would have it likewise thought, that he Augments not his Presents, when already they are increas'd, and trust to me shall be more yet; I know besides, says the *Dowanier*, that there is a Letter come from the Emperor of *France*, containing excuses for the business of *Chio*; therefore there will be no more to do but to hasten him: They then consulted the manner of proceeding; first, he had been told beforehand, that it was a Custom to send to Debtors, even Ambassadors themselves, a *Chiaux* to mind them of what was expected from them, that they might comply: But to amuse the Ambassador, they concluded to give him occasion to feed his vanity, by the quality of the Messenger was sent unto him, which would be a little comfort to him, for what he was to suffer. They sent therefore an Officer, that is, him who is Judge of the *Chiauxes*; which indeed

deed was contriv'd to make the business more publick : When he came to the Ambassador, accompanied by the Interpreter of the Port, and had Communicated to him the Imperial Orders for payment, and the necessity of appeasing the *Sultan's* wrath, by publick Submissions and Satisfactions, capable to procure the effects of his Clemency : He again flew back to his former Allegations and Imaginations, desiring to defer the business, protesting he would not in the least increase his Presents. But they being sensible of his dissimulation, advis'd him as soon as might be, to get out of the difficulty : Which done the Judge of the Ushers, and the Interpreter of the Port left him : His Interpreters too, received daily the same advice, with frequent Threats of the Seven Towers : yet still the Ambassadour seem'd both by Discourse, and a Letter he writ to the *Kehaia*, to be ready to suffer every thing, even death it self, rather then give ready Money, or indeed any other Presents, then what he had offer'd. But the *Dowanier* assuring the contrary, made it be judged a fit time for Conclusion, which it was necessary should be made with Solemnity. And because it was judged to be too much honour for the Ambassador to agree it with the *Vizir*, it was resolved it should be with the Prime Secretary to this Lieutenant to the Emperor of the World.

Your Lordship is to consider, that the Ambassadors of *France* did not use to attend the *Kehaia*, but *Incognito*. and Clothed in *Turkish* Habit, with few followers, pretending it to be a Condescension below them, only comply'd with to expedite business. But now it was judged necessary to change that Custom, and oblige the Ambassadour to come in his own Habit, with his Interpreters, Secretaries, Merchants, and Foot-men ; that all the Town might know it was the *French* Ambassador, who came publickly to attend the Secretary of the *Vizir*, to end the business about the Pardon for the attempt at *Chio*, and to agree the reparations for the damage done there. He made no difficulty to come publickly as was desir'd, though perhaps he might be ignorant of the Cause. The *Kehaia* propos'd to him the Augmentations

tion of his Presents, which he pretended to refuse; they seemed earnestly to press him, and he as earnestly to resist; but all his seeming Obstinacy, and their Reiterated Instances to perswade him, was no more but a meer Comedy, for the Sum to be presented the *Sultan* was adjusted before: And the *Dowanier* had undertaken for the Augmentation of the Presents. So the Ambassador went back with an Imaginary satisfaction of a Mock-bravery: He had caused a Rumor to be spread, that he was to be sent to the Seven Towers; that coming back to his House, it might be thought his Conduct had preserved him, which would make both that, and his Courage be admir'd at by Strangers: To which vapour of Vain-Glory for his comfort we may quietly leave him; whilst the most prudent *Vizir* thought of nothing more then the manner to make most visible, most submissive, and most acceptable, his Sacrifice of Expiation for the attempt at *Chio*: It was first resolved to take the opportunity to reduce the *French* Ambassador, by this occasion, to a custom refused by all his Predecessors, and to which none of them would ever submit; which was, to have their Presents seen and valued before they were offer'd: It was supposed the Ambassador would hardly refuse it, if his Interpreters did but tell him it was the Custom; And we were very desirous he should yield to it at this time, the more because the People would the sooner think he was ready to Augment his Presents, in case the *Sultan* should not in his Clemency agree to accept those he had prepar'd: He yielded the Point, and now nothing was in dispute but the place where the Presents, the Money, and the *French* Emperors Letter should be receiv'd, who should receive them, who should carry them, and in what manner they should be presented. The Great *Divan* was thought one, as the place where Ambassadors are receiv'd, the Army paid, and Justice distributed: But this proposition was rejected, as not publick enough; and because that things, which were to pass in the Submission, might be confounded with the Ceremonies of the Ambassadors Audience, which he ought not to receive till some time after he had expiated that disorder at *Chio*, the
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only thing able to render him worthy the presence of the Emperor of the World. There were divers other places propos'd, but after full Consideration, that the injury for which Reparation was to be made, had been done on the Sea, in the Port of *Chio*, in the sight of many Nations, and in a manner at the very Gates of *Constantinople*; it was by all agreed, That no place was more proper to receive satisfaction in, then the Palace of *Cara Mustapha*, most advantageously situated on the Sea side, at the Entrance of the safest and largest Port in the known World; a Port which is the Theatre of the Maritime Strength of the Great *Sultan* of the *Osmons*, and the Refuge of the *French*, *English*, *Holland*, and *Venetian* Merchant Ships; a Port, which is at least a third part of it, encompassed about by the incomparable City of *Constantinople*, standing in manner of an Amphitheatre for five Miles together on its Banks; on the other side being seen many Cities and Towns fit for Capital Cities to great Realms: On the Waters whereof may be constantly seen an infinite number of Vessels fill'd with People from every Nation of the World. All these Reasons made the Dome of *Cara Mustapha* favoured with so advantageous a situation, and expos'd to the view of most of the Ambassadors, Ministers, Residents, and Agents of the Christian Princes, be thought most proper; that they as well as all the People and Grandees of the Empire might see, that none could with impunity offend the Sovereign Majesty of the Emperor of the World. They likewise the sooner agreed on the choice of that place, as being a sumptuous Palace, including the Maritime Throne of the Emperor of the two Seas; where the Musick that diverts him, is that of Trumpets, Kettle-Drums, and Cannons; which, with the noise of Oars, and continual hurry of Ships and Gallies, fills the Air with an agreeable Confusion: It is in this place too the Admirals pay their Homage, bringing thither the proofs of their Victories, in the Spoils of the Enemies of the Faith. So there being no place more proper for the Design of the Supreme *Vizir*, it was agreed, that if the *Sultan* did not chuse it of himself, it should be proposed to him. It was then debated, who should

receive the Submissions of the *French* Ambassador ; and some propos'd either the *Kehaia* or Intendant of the Grand *Vizir* : But because the Enterprize, for which Pardon was to be demanded, regarded directly the Person of the *Sultan* ; and that it belong'd to none but him, to sit upon the Throne of the Sea, the *Vizir* resolv'd to take the time when this Sovereign of the World was come (as he often did) to this Dome of *Cara Mustapha* : That he would know in the mean time, if His Highness were ready to receive the most humble Repentance of the *French* Ambassador, who till then should be kept in suspense of that happy Moment : It rested then to determine, how the Ambassador should perform his Duty : about which some were of Opinion he should do it in Person ; But because he had not yet receiv'd Publick Audience from the *Vizir*, it was concluded he should send his Principal Officer, that was his Secretary, to make satisfaction, by carrying and exposing the Presents, and Money, and to deliver the Letter from the Emperor of *France*. They had a President of the like nature with the * *Bailo* of *Venice*, about the *Vallone*, where the *Venetians* had attack't those of *Barbary*. As likewise the yearly practice of the Secretary of that Republick, when he brings the Tribute of five thousand *Chiquins*. In fine, they promis'd, the *Vizir* so to conduct all things, that it should appear a perfect Submission, or Publick Penance for what had past at *Chio*.

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The Grand *Dowanier*, who had charged himself with every thing, Congratulated the Sovereign *Vizir* that the business was so well adjusted : You have, saith he, My Lord, part of what you desire, and shall have the rest ; whilst we leave the Ambassador the vain satisfaction to repent and say, That his Condescensions are only Personal, and his Negotiation as a private Man, That it was for his own proper account he made his Presents ; That the Money is for another occasion, and that he hath Writ nothing to *France* of all this bustle. All these Pretences are but bad Colours, and worse shadows, agreeing ill with the quality of him they are designed to

to serve : For if he be not Ambassador, can he be worthy to rub his Face with the Dust of the Feet of the Invincible *Sultan*, whose Grandeur God will increase to the very Day of Judgment ? Is it not certain, it was not the Ambassador who fired the Cannons against *Chio*, but the Emperor of *France's* General, pursued the *Dorwanier* ? And is it not as plain, that he for this, as Ambassador must submit ? He is obliged to it by Writing, in which he engages to procure his Masters Letter of excuse, and in six Months time to have Presents brought from *France* ? These are here, and not intended for his Audience : he has too procur'd the Summ of Money agreed upon. I know he boasts that all has been done is agreeable to the Emperor of *France* : From whence may be concluded that his Imprisonment, his promise of Presents, and of a Letter of excuse to the *Sultan*, are agreeable to the Emperor of *France* : And that it is time therefore to come to a Conclusion. Let the Ambassador then, say what he pleases, and form to himself pleasant Chymera's : Provided the Reality of his Submissions conformable to our Customs and Manners, which ought to be a Law to the World ; clears away the shadow from the true Throne which is the Sanctuary to the Emperors of the Age ; surrounded by those Mountains on which stands the Capital City, from whence the Noise and Reputation of the Action will fly to the rest of the Earth. This was very near the Discourse of the *Dorwanier*, who said too that he would go and send for the *French* Interpreters, and command them to insinuate to their Master ; that all things were contriv'd for his Honor, as would appear to the astonishments of all Strangers ; that the Presents and Respects would be receiv'd by the great Emperor of the *Osmons*, and that perhaps he would come for that purpose to a place where he only goeth for extraordinary Ceremonies, they shall advise him too, that for his greater Glory he must intreat as a signal favour, to have his Presents carried by his own People, as his Secretary and some Merchants. The *Dorwanier* having said this kist the Vest of the Sovereign *Vizir*, and retir'd. He performed all. The Interpreters found the Ambassador ready

to put in Action every thing he advis'd him, and extreamly earnest quickly to receive the imaginary Glory was promis'd him.

There were some days past since the visit of the Ambassador to the *Kehaia* of the *Vizir*: That he might not therefore be in doubt, word was sent him that his Affairs were in so good a posture, and so near a Conclusion, that he would soon see a glorious end of them: It was then insinuated to him that the grand *Dowanier* was one of the most considerable Officers of the Empire; That he commanded all the Seas, from the *Bosphore* to *Smyrna* and *Chio*: That all Merchandizes and every Slave of the World, as well Male as Female paid him Tribute: That he had the Honor to provide for the pleasures of the *Sultan*, by whom he was sometimes visited, being lookt upon as one of his Favourites. This was suggested to make the Ambassador know, that if the *Dowanier* visited him, it was a particular Favour, and a Prerogative with which the Port would honour him: And that though the Merchandize and Wealth of all the World found Legs to attend this Officer to obtain leave to be Sold, or the Honour to be detain'd for the *Sultan*: He himself would come to the Ambassador to see and examin his Presents, and to contribute all he could to make them in some measure worthy the acceptance and clemency of the Invincible Emperor: The conclusion was, That he was not only to receive the Grand *Dowanier* with demonstrations of acknowledgment and Friendship; but with all kind of Honor, being to be attended by his principal Officers, *Turks* and *Jews*; that is to say, those of his Tribunal, proper for the business he was sent about.

The Interpreters that were instructed in the main Circumstances, were the first that by Order of their Master, put them in execution: One of them went to fetch the *Dowanier* from his House; bringing with him a Horse of the Ambassadors. He was receiv'd at the Gate of the *French* Palace by the Secretary, Chief Interpreter, and other Domesticks; the Ambassador

bassador met him in the Hall, and led him upon the *Sofa*, where being placed in a Seat of Honor, the first Interpreter having kist his Vest, said to him: That the Ambassador considering him as one of his best Friends, bid him heartily welcome, That he was extreamly pleas'd to see him, after all the trouble he had given him, That he might personally return him thanks, which he did sincerely; That he had often, and would continue to inform the Emperor of *France* of all the good Offices he daily did his Subjects, in point of Commerce: That all the Factory as well as the Ambassador himself, were indebted to him for the conclusion of a business, had made so much noise. To which the *Dowanier* made Answer; I boast, saith he, nothing, but am a Friend at need; God knows what I have done, and shall do: you have many Enemies, those of your own Religion, and *Francks*, as you are, do not much love you, nor are they much troubled to see the *French* ill us'd, some of them gave continual Intelligence of things might have anger'd the *Vizir*, if his Moderation and Prudence had not retain'd him: He has not long since had assurances, that the *Padicha* of *France* sent to the Emperor of *Germany*; offering him assistance, in case our Master the Invincible *Sultan*, broke with that Prince, or to make him if he could declare War by way of Advance against us: Others on the contrary side would perswade us, That the *French* would suddenly be at War, both with the *Germans*, and most part of Christendom: But the Grand *Vizir* consider'd all these reports as the meer effects of base Envy, and fordid Jealousie, being resolved (pursued the *Dowanier*) to give you proofs of his Friendship; I come therefore to tell you, he as presented the offer of your Submissions to the Imperial *Estrier*; and conjectures they may be near acceptance, that is, of being acceptable. The Ambassador denied all those things which seem'd to wound the Reputation of his Master: And the *Dowanier* seeming to believe him, changed the discourse, saying, come let's to work, I have brought hither my Officers that value the Customs, to make Estimation of your Presents according to usage; and offer you my advice, as a friend,

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friend, wherein to augment them, that they may in some degree be worthy to be offer'd the Emperor, Supporter of the World; and that we may the better prevail with him to accept them. They thereupon brought the *Dowanier* into the fairest Chamber of the *French* Seraglio, where he was much surpris'd not to see the Principal Wall garnish'd with Looking-Glasses: But applying himself to the Observation of the Presents, and advising with the Praisers, he told the Ambassador that these he brought with him, but he must add to them those he had since sent for from *France*, besides some Jewels: These last the Ambassador desired him to buy for him, which he promised to do: He mention'd too the ready Money, but the Ambassador protested he had none, and intreated him to lend him some; which he consented to do: But the Ambassador desiring that the Money might be delivered secretly, could obtain only a doubtful answer from the *Dowanier*; though to comfort him he readily granted him another request, which was, That his Presents might be carried to the *Sultan* by his own People. This, though the surest proof of his Submission, was by the *Dowanier* magnified to him as an exceeding favour, who told him, it must be done then by his *Kebaiia*, Clerks, and some Merchants; who must be well Instructed, to comply with all the Ceremonies would be taught them; and to behave themselves with Modesty, Silence, and Gravity. He then mention'd the Letter from the Emperor of *France*, which the Ambassador would have excused, but at last promised to deliver. This whole Intertainment, and great Negotiation, was mingled with those ordinary ones of *Cabu*, *Sherbet*, and *Sweet-water*, and more than one Collation of Fruit. The Ambassador often reiterated his Protestations of Friendship and Acknowledgment to the *Dowanier*; the Praisers neither were not forgotten: So when it was time to part, the *Dowanier* bid him fear nothing, for he would go to the Grand *Vizir*, to know whether he had received Orders from the invincible Emperor, for ending the business: The same honours were done him going, as when he came, with repeated intreaties for a speedy Conclusion:

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He came immediately to the Sovereign *Vizir*, and gave him a pleasant account of all had past ; but above all, they were pleas'd at the Ambassadors hast, whom therefore they agreed should be made solícite some days ; which he did to the *Dowanier* earnestly for the three following, receiving only dilatory Answers : But then the *Dowanier* went to his House again, and carried with him the Jewels he had bought with the ready money, receiving the same Honours, as at first, but could not appoint a positive day for a Conclusion ; pretending the *Sultan* had not yet appointed one ; but he perswaded the Ambassador not to be discouraged, but in the mean time send the Letter and Presents to the Grand *Vizir's*, that the manner of carrying them might be Regulated ; which was immediately done : They brought too the ready money, having in some manner agreed it should be received privately. There was in the mean time a certain Memorial presented to the Emperor of the World, sent him by the Grand *Vizir* in this Form : “ My most Magnanimous, most Valiant, and most Happy Emperor, be pleased to behold what is brought before you by the greatest of your Slaves ; It is that your Slave the Ambassador of *France* makes continual Supplications, to implore Pardon for what past at *Chio* : He hath never since that misfortune ceased to use his utmost endeavours, to escape the terrible Grief of Chastisement, so great a rashness Merited ; and to preserve the whole *French* Nation from the extirpating furious Sword of the Monarch of the World : To which purpose he is fled to the Cittadel of Submission, and there humbly waits for the happy Moment, wherein he may be admitted to rub his Face with the dust of the Feet of your Invincible, and ever Triumphant Highness : He begs you would be pleased to cast an Eye tending towards acceptance, both on the Letter of the Emperor his Master ; and on the Money and Presents he (according to the Orders he hath received) is ready to expose at the Foot of Your Sublime Throne : And which at present are in the possession of me, who has the honour to be Your Slave : He confesses
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“ them to be mean, if consider’d with the Majesty of the
 “ Person they are designed to, but hopes they may become
 “ of value by the Acceptance, being sure proofs of his Vas-
 “ salage, and Testimonies of his most Submissive and respect-
 “ ful Repentance, for the disorder at *Chio*. It remains in the
 “ breast of your Highness to Command any other thing you
 “ please, which your Slave the Ambassador is ready to per-
 “ form.

The wise Emperor, who penetrates into the most secret
 and difficult things, to whom the Almighty God grant for
 ever a Happy and Glorious Reign, Commanded the Grand
Vizir to appear at his Foot ; of whom he Inquired, Whether
 all he writ was sincere ; and whether there was no Trick,
 by which those Infidels might shelter themselves in the Val-
 ley of Treachery and Insolence. The Grand *Vizir* assured
 him he had reason to believe, that the Ambassador was in
 earnest : Whereupon this Sovereign, who is the Delight and
 Glory of the World, spoke thus : The *French*, though ob-
 stinate in Error, are nevertheless protected by our High and
 Imperial Power, in hopes we may one day reduce them to
 receive the true Faith : Their Emperour boasts to be our
 most Ancient Friend , yet have they acted like Traytors,
 and Enemies at *Chio* : But because they readily humble them-
 selves, I submit to the most high and absolute Commands
 of the holy Prophet, which saith, *When you have Power over
 your Enemy, pay me the Tithes of the Victory, by the Pardon
 you shall give him.* I am therefore disposed to Pardon and
 forget the Ingratitude of these Infidels, whom I have loaded
 with my Sublime Favours ; having granted to their last
 Ambassadour, with considerable advantages, the Renovation
 of the Capitulations denied to so many of his Predecessors.
 The Emperor paused a little, and then addressing it to the
 Grand *Vizir*, who durst not yet speak, pursued thus : Let
 the Ambassador be well instructed in the Glory he is go-
 ing to receive by his Submissions, Humility, and Publick
 Repentance ; whereby he not only disarms our Rage ; but
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procures to his Master the Confirmation of a Friendship, and Alliance, to him so Glorious, that it will render him terrible to his Enemies.

The Grand *Vizir* with a most submissive bow, intreated the mighty *Sultan* of the *Osmons* to appoint the place, where he would have his Slave the Ambassador make publick to the World, his Repentance and most submissive Respects, with the proofs of a Fidelity, should be no more subject to a change. the Emperor Replied, he would send his pleasure in Writing; which came in this Form : I shall God willing, to morrow, and next day divert my self with the noise of the Waves of the Sea; to reflect my Grandure in that Liquid Crystal Miroir; and to delight my ears with the Artificial Thunder and confusion of Voices, which Reigns usually on that Element. I go to Seat my self at the Entrance of the Port on my Maritime Throne, in the *Kieask* of *Mustapha Pas-* Pallace.
ba; where the Sea seems to be summon'd into a long and large Court, only to do Homage to my Imperial Seat, the vast City of *Constantinople*. It is there, its natural inconstancy cannot hinder it from rendring me perpetual Homage, in the name of other Seas: And to glory in bringing me Tributes and Submissions constantly, from all the Princes of the World. There I inspire my Officers, with power of Gaining Victories with ease, in granting them the glory at setting forth, to prostrate themselves at my feet: And there at their return I receive the proofs of those Victories they have gain'd in my name. It may be truly called the Abridgment of the World; Being the refuge of all the Nations of the seven Climates, who think themselves happy in bringing thither their most precious Merchandizes, for the use of me and my Slaves. Nature alone contriv'd this Royal Port, which is constantly cover'd with vast numbers of Ships and Gallies, and Beautified by those Mountains cloath'd with Mosques, Towns and Forests which encompass it about; Whilest I there divert my self, true Emperor of the World, and make reflections of what I owe to God, the unchangeable Lord; for giving me so beautiful

ful a Residence in this perishing World; as an earnest of that he hath prepar'd for me in the other, which shall never end: You may cause to be brought before me, the submissions of the *French* Ambassador; in a manner, as much proportion'd as can be to our Grandure, and the quality of Protector of the true Faith, a Title we more esteem than that of all our Dominions: This is what we Ordain; And thou who art our Grand *Vizir*, and Counsellor, full of Glory, must give obedience to this.

The most discerning and prudent *Vizir*, was extremely pleas'd, that a Soul like his, so much Inferior to that of our most invincible Master; should enter into Sentiments so agreeable to the clear thoughts of that incomparable Emperor. He sent presently for the *Dowanier*, and Communicated those Orders to him, which none must disobey without the danger of being lost: He assur'd the Grand *Vizir*, that he was continually solicited for a dispatch by the *French* Interpreters, who were scarcely ever from him. So it was concerted that the next day but one all should be finish'd; of which the principal Officers of the Port had notice: And things were so order'd that the Common People might not be ignorant neither. The Emperor of the two Seas, being accordingly come to the *Kieusk* of *Mustapha Pasha*, there took for some time the pleasure of a true Emperor; and being set at Dinner, they caus'd the *French* Ambassadors Presents to be brought from the Grand *Vizir's*; where, as I before told your happy Lordship, they had been deposited three or four days; and placed them in a House near the Palace, under the conduct of an Officer of the Port; And over against the *Kendi*, were expos'd to publick view the Ambassadors People, his Secretary and chief Clerk, a Merchant and three Interpreters, who were the principal together with ten or twelve Footmen: These had waited with great impatience from day break, expecting this happy moment; Then by Order of the Principal Usher, and Master of the *Castans*, the six first had each of them a *Castan* or Vest of honour deliver'd them; Thus with
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the Interpreter of the Port, and a *Turkish* Officer, in *Caftans* at the head of them, they marched followed by the Footmen.

These eight in Robes with the rest of the Ambassadors People, took each of them a part of the Present, and fyled one after the other, with all the Gravity, Modesty and Silence, becoming a business of that nature: They were made stop at one of the corners of the Pallace: And being drawn into a Rank, with their Backs towards the *Seraglio*, and Faces to the Sea, Eyes cast down, their Feet streight and closed to one another, each man held his part of the Present, elevated with both his hands, as high, and as much expos'd to the publick as might be; in which humble posture having stood a sufficient time for the People to view and distinguish every thing, they were discharged from that honour by the Officers of the Emperor, supporter of the World.

It is not certainly known, how many Purfes of Money were amongst the Presents, but some there were, and these carried to his Highness, by him who had Order'd the whole Ceremony; which is the *Telkedgi*. The Emperor of the World cast one corner of his Eye upon them, which Communicated to them all their value and esteem they ought to have: This *Corifce* and Master of the Kings of the World, This mighty Emperor of the *Osmanli*; had the pleasure to read the excuses of the Emperor of *France*, in his Letter deliver'd him by the Grand *Vizir*; in which he assures him, he had given no Orders to his Admiral to disturb the Antient Alliance, but on the contrary to strengthen it; But if in pursuing and fighting the *Tripolins* his Enemies there had happened any wrong to his Highness's Territories, he was troubled at it, and desired him not to take it ill; but consider that those Thieves had before set upon the *French* Merchants in his Highness's Ports: That though he had great reason to complain that the Fort of *Chio* had fired upon his Flag, yet he freely forgot it, to shew to what degree he would be a Friend to the most invin-

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able Emperor of the *Musulmans*. Whilest his Highness was accepting these protestations of Fidelity, which he believed sincere; to prove them so, the *Telkedgi* and Interpreter of the Port appeared, followed by the three Interpreters of *France*; who being come to a certain distance stayed, and had the honour to touch the Ground of the Field, before the *Sultans* Throne with their Faces; there holding them as long a time as is required to boyl an Egg: In this manner, without being held, they saluted the Emperor; being by Birth Slaves to the Grand Seignior: But the *Kabaia*, and Clerk to the Ambassador, with the *French* Merchant, who are only to be reckoned Slaves by Force, and Representers of their Master; were held by two Ushers, each in Vests of Ceremonies, who extended their Arms with one hand, and carried in the other Silver Staves which they often rub'd on the ground with great noise, and a certain Motion of Grandure and Ostentation. These Conductors who led their Slaves like Victims in seeming haste, made them stop as suddenly; saying to them in a rude Tone

* *Dour*. When the *Telkedgi*, and Interpreter of the Port, with the three *French* Interpreters had done prostrating; then might be seen these chief Porters or Ushers, like Maskers of Ceremonies, so well instruct their *French-men*, that without quitting their Shoulders or prejudicing the extension of their Arms, they all kneeled softly down, and imprinted their Faces in the Dust, in the open view of the Sun, remaining in that posture so long as it pleased the Emperor of the World; who being well satisfied with so full a reparation, made a

Porters. sign almost imperceptible for taking them away. The *Capidges* are so perfectly instructed in these Ceremonies, that the least motion of the Field is to them enough, so they rais'd hastily these prostrated Slaves, and made them return back without giving them time to behold the sublime Majesty of the Emperor of the World, who was seated at a great distance. Thus the *French-men* performed their Commission in representing the true submissions of their Ambassador.

The August and terrible *Sultan* of the *Osmanli*, was Seated
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on his Throne at the entrance of the open Gallery, which Ranges on that side of the *Kieusk*, which is towards the Sea: The **Chefade* was by him; For tho the Emperor his Father doth not yet admit him to his Councils or *Divan*, but His eldest Son. keeps him in a plain Equipage, having him only often with him at Hunting, Walking, Riding, and other diversions; yet his Highness would have him with him, to be a Witness of the respects, submission and publick Repentance of the *French* Ambassador; to make this young Prince sensible how much the name of *Osman*, which he must one day support, was rever'd through the whole World, since the Emperor of *France*, the greatest Monarch of the belief of the *Messia*, and terror to the rest of those Infidel Princes, whose Armies and Garrisons are innumerable, and Treasures inexhaustible, did permit this Ambassador to make such full satisfaction for what past at *Chio*: There was beside ranged about the Throne in respectful posture the principal **Itbeoglans*: The Grand * Boys of the Court. *Vizir* attended too on one side near a corner of the Gallery, with his hands clos'd, his Feet streight and joyn'd, and his Eyes cast down: there was neither **Kalibulick*, Noise, Croud or Con- * Whispe- ring. fusion, but an awful silence, which exprest that it belonged to none but the Master to speak or give leave to them that should. Thus my most honoured Lord, you see the particulars of this most remarkable Affair: the chief Circumstances whereof are Recorded in the Registers of the Empire. The great ones, nay the very People talk of it with delight in *Constantinople*, and the news of it is gone to *Persia*, *Armenia*, and the *Indies*; the **Droquemans* of our Friends Allies, * Interpreters. and Tributaries of the Law of *Messia*, are well instructed in all particulars, to the end they may inform their several Masters; many of the Secretaries and Clerks of the Imperial Register, have writ exactly to the *Pachas* and *Beglarbeigs* of this vast Empire, preserved by God, concerning it. And I think my self happy to have been chosen to Communicate all these glorious circumstances to my most honoured Lord. The matter is in it self so splendid, that it needs no more but the pure and simple relation to make it be admir'd; and Eloquence would but serve

serve to hide some part of the Luster: I have therefore used no disguises, nor indeed hesitated to mix some particulars in my relation which deserve to be kept secret; so that I have made this rather a little Book than a Letter, nor have I yet fully done, having forgot to relate to you the satisfaction of the Ambassador in having got out of so difficult an Employment: he magnifies his own Conduct, and has writ about it to his Countrey, as well as given an account thereof to the Ministers residing from other Princes, at the happy Port. And he is so strongly perswaded that he hath done his Master considerable Service; that he hath sent proofs of his acknowledgment to all those he thought instrumental in procuring so mighty an advantage as the Pardon of the most invincible Emperor of the *Musulmans*.

The most discerning *Vizir*, so conducted this whole affair, to the sole Glory of our invincible *Sultan*; that there is not the least Circumstance, or most minute passage can be Interpreted to the contrary, except by men of shatter'd understandings; we are therefore confirmed by it, in that esteem which is due to his Merit: and may avow with justice the most submissive acknowledgments and thanks given him by the Ambassador, which were accompanied with Presents that testified the Gratitude due to this Minister, for so well re-establishing the Negotiation, Trade and Alliance with the *French*, which without his Mediation to his Highness, was in hazard to have broke: The effects whereof could not have been otherways then Bloody.

The Ambassador believ'd himself much honoured by certain words of Gratitude, which lookt a little like thanks from the Grand *Vizir*: Nor has he wanted to acknowledge the pains and endeavours of the most illustrious *Kehaia*, the *Resefendi* Lord of the Clerks of the two * *Teskeredgis*, *Chaoux Pacha*, Principal Usher of the Interpreter of the Port, and many others of whose Friendships he makes sure account. The *Dowanier* who mediated all, did not labour for nothing: his
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reward was not forgotten, nor will be wanting hereafter for the proofs he will daily give the *French*, Merchants of his Friendship to them, or rather that he bears to himself.

I must, My Lord, say one word or two concerning the many mercies which God pours forth, on the Mighty *Sultan* of the *Osmanli*; of which, though we have a thousand Examples, in my opinion none are more visible or stronger proofs, then the Jealousie he is pleased to sow amongst Christian Princes: We know some of the effects this passion produces in the Countries of those Infidels: But if our Grandure and Power, which is arriv'd to so great a height, makes us not neglect to enter into the thoughts of this Subject, in certain particulars, which we have now before us, and which will instruct us in many things; we shall easily perceive it to be the perfect hand of God, which in Mercy to us so blinds the Christians, that most of their Princes are reduced to the necessity of seeking the friendship of the Port, to divert from them the fury of those Armies which Command Victory. And there may be discerned amongst the Christian Ambassadors a most particular Application for the destruction of one another. They seem indeed only so many spies, not upon our Government, but of what passes in the Countreys of their Neighbours: And above all of any weakness amongst them, of which they think themselves so happy to Inform us, that they even make us deaf with their news; and so the Glory of our Master, which permits not that we should have Ambassadors reside in their Courts, doth not the least prejudice to his Affairs. This Curse of God upon the Christians has gained us many Victories, and gives us easie Conquests: And you may discern a part of their Conduct, by what I have said about the business of *Chio*; and I may add truly, that there never appear'd so much Zeal amongst the Christian Ministers against those of *France* as then.

They would come and tell us, That the Emperor of *France* is an Ambitious and restless Prince, very Powerful and Fortunate,

fortunate, who disturbs all his Neighbours, and gives them great trouble by his Victories and Money, that he would seem to be a friend to the Port, whilst he gives great Succours in all places against it; that he values himself to the Pope by the great designs he hath against the Turks; that we ought to consider him as a dangerous Enemy, and the greatest Politician of the World; that all the rest of Christendom was Confederating against him; and that the King of *Germany* expected but the renewing of the Truce with us, to put himself in the Head of the League against him. The *Venetians*, though for their particular Interest they should desire a War between us and the *Germans*, yet nevertheless have not ceased to excite as much as possible, the hatred of his Highness to the *French*; and it is certain the *Hollanders* and others did the same: They would all have engaged us in a Rupture with *France*; but the most discerning *Vizir*, who knows how to make his advantage of every thing, is very well pleased with the Reparation of the *French* Ambassador. He can likewise, when he pleases, sell very dear to the *German* Minister, the Renewing the Truce; and in appearance prefers doing so to that of the War, notwithstanding the interests of those would perswade the contrary: He will Attaque the *Venetians* sooner then they dream of, and not fail to draw Money from the others: He hears when he pleases, and sometimes lends an Ear to a business of which he will seem to understand nothing: He will cast out hopes, when necessary, the more easily to deceive, believing that most of those Negotiate with him, do but watch for opportunities to Cozen him; so it is very difficult to please him with any thing: Delays, spinning out time; a hastiness like Anger, and haughty Fierceness are to him Natural, and of great Advantage: He never Treats directly, in the beginning of a Negotiation, but leaves it to be managed by his most experienced Creatures, the better to take his Measures, for its Conclusion: If he loves Money it is to Augment the Treasures of his Master; As his reason is Infinite, and capable of discerning what is in his Power, and what not, so he governs with an absolute Authority,

Authority, and cuts off the heads of any dare oppose him ; and this way cannot chuse but be good, and pleasing to God, since it is for the Preservation and Propagation of the true Faith, and for increasing the Glory, and Prosperity of the Emperor, who is the Protector and Defender of the Divine Unity ; and the most worthy Successor of the greatest of the Prophets, *Mouhamet Moustafa* : I have thus weakly mention'd a few of those Qualities, which recommend our Grand *Vizir* ; and I may safely add, that it is impossible but he should be a very able Man ; having been Educated under the Conduct and Authority of the blessed *Kedgia Mhammed Pacha*, and of his Son *Abmet* deceased, which were the Two *Kieupruli's* ; He Acted and Govern'd under these two great Men : But to compleat his Character, we need only say, he is the Choice of the Emperor of the two Continents and two Seas ; the Possessor of the two most August Cities, our Master ; the *Kalife* of the Age, who has Conquer'd the Realm of *Candia* ; and the most Impregnable Fortrefs of *Cameniek*, whose Grandure God will increase, and give him a blessed end : See my most honor'd Lord all I have to write to you : I beseech the most High God to fill you with his Grace, and to grant me that of ever serving You.

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By way of

Continuation of the former Letter, concerning the Negotiation of Monsieur

Guilleragues.

THe Affairs of the Port may justly occasion very serious Reflections, since it is very visible, That the Motions of the *Sultan*, and his Grand *Vizir*, do hold all the Christian part of *Europe* in suspence : We have seen on the one side the Emperor hope with a little too much Confidence the renewing the Truce ; but he had certainly obtained it without all those pains he hath taken, if he had not so long given Ear to those Politicks, which advis'd him not to draw the Forces of the *Ottoman* Emperor too hastily upon him : His Imperial Majesty without this fear, had vigorously opposed the Progress of the Male-contentants in *Hungary* : A Resolution so necessary had subdued those Rebels, and made the Infidels know

he was ready to receive them : but whilst that Court became Ballanced with a desire of carrying the War another way, they delayed both ; and through an untimely Fear of the most remote danger, stood still in an unactive Speculation, which perhaps may draw upon them Enemies from all sides. *Sultan Mehemet* the Fourth is in Warlike Pomp set forth from his Capital City, followed by Count *Alberte Caprara*, whose Negotiation appears to be brought to Extremity : But because there is often seen strange Changes in great Affairs ; he flatters himself with hopes that some remedy prepared upon the Frontiers, may work effectually, even when the Disease appears most desperate : The *Grand Seignior* in the mean time, has remained certain days in the Camp of *Davout Pacha* ; and notwithstanding his obstinacy of remaining in his Tents, in defiance of Eighteen hours violent Rain, he was at last forced to quit them, and the danger he ran of being drown'd, fell upon three or four of his People, who were lost at a passage through certain Waters, where the Bridge was broken down : There was also lost several rich things, both of his Highness and other great ones, who accompanied him ; but this Emperor after a little rest, to give time to the Waters to fall, continued his march to *Adrianople*. The *Grand Vizir*, who has been in his Tents ever since the march of the Emperor from *Constantinople*, began to follow on the Nineteenth of *October* very early in the Morning,

ing, to joyn his Highness ; carrying with him the satisfaction of having deluded Monsieur *Guillera-gues* to the very last : But may not one think that this Minister deceives himself in that pleasure, since it is apparent, that Ambassador hath contributed more then he to his being cheated by him.

He Negotiates no longer about the Firing at *Chio*, that business was determined sufficiently to his Glory, if you will credit the *Paris Gazette* ; Or as it is well Explain'd by another, It is the business of the *Sofa* continues.

We must remember that whilst Monsieur *De Quesne*, besieged the Gallies in the Port of *Chio*, to oblige the *Vizir* to grant the *Sofa* ; that Minister being much astonish'd discours'd as if he was resolved to give that honour, as soon as the Gallies were returned to *Constantinople* : Monsieur *Guillera-gues*, who believ'd him, procured them liberty to come ; but the Promise, which was the Foundation of all, remained unperform'd. See then how this Minister deceived himself in letting escape a sure way of obtaining his desires ; and in believing the *Turks* capable of fair dealing in a nice Rancounter.

It is known how long the time was delay'd before they came to an end of the business of the Presents, that is to say, the Reparation for the attempt

tempt upon *Chio* : But the more we perceive the Turkish Ministers to have a desire to finish it, the more, it is evident, he should have refused to put an end to that fine business, without having first the *Sofa* : But Monsieur *Guilleragues* is content with the words they gave him on this Subject, and *post pones* the matter, till after delivery of the Presents, which was executed ; he remaining still without the *Sofa* : There we see him cozen himself the second time.

There has past a long time since the glorious Victory on the 21st of *May*, the day on which they Triumph over the *Grand Seignior*, in forcing him to come himself to receive their Trifles, even to the Sea side ; and since the fifth of *June*, the happy day on which Monsieur *Gilleragues*'s promise in writing was restored ; and the 29th of the same Month when the Presents were sent by him to the *Grand Vizir* ; to the 19th of *October*, the day whereon this Minister began his march for *Adrianople*. All this time of five or six Months was vainly employed to soften this Minister in the point of the *Sofa* : Monsieur *Guilleragues* the more prest it, to the end he might obtain it before the departure of the *Vizir* : And being necessitated to use all Peaceful ways, having let slip those of Force, which struck at the Interest and Glory of the Turks : He hath not Hesitated to hazard a second Letter of his King's, which remains as well without Effect as

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Answer : He delivered the first himself, and had a verbal Answer to this purpose, That he ought to be contented with the great Honor the *Sultan* had done him in receiving his Presents, and not to pretend to a thing so extraordinary as that of the *Sofa* ; and that it was not usual with the Port to grant so many advantages at one time. It is true, he insinuated that his Masters Fleet would return to fetch him back ; But he that had sent it away before, and render'd it useless when there, where it might have procured his pleasure, had not his Bravadoes much valued ; but at the same time there was a certain Rumor spread, as if he was to repair the Subjects losses at *Chio*, pretending that was distinct from the satisfaction made the *Grand Seignior*.

All this was not able to discourage him ; he applies again to his incomparable friend the *Dowanier*, who as readily undertakes to cheat him ; so his Interpreters must make many useless Journeys to the *Vizir's* Camp, in the last of which they presented a Request from the Ambassador, wherein he Remonstrates to that Minister the necessity of his Retiring, for which purpose the King's Fleet would come to the *Dardanelloes* to fetch him ; he therefore intreats Order might be given to the *Kaimmakam* of *Constantinople*, not to hinder his departure, grounded upon so indispensable Necessity, it being not just, that the Ambassador from the greatest, and most

most powerful Monarch of Christendom, and the Antientest Friend of the Port, should stay longer without those distinctions of Honour and Prerogatives, which were his due ; that in all things besides the *Vizir* might use his pleasure.

The *Grand Vizir* took this as a conclusion for all requests, and thereupon plainly declared his pleasure, That he would neither grant the *Sofa*, nor should the Ambassador go till the *Grand Seignior* pleased ; and in case he continued obstinate, they should take good order about him.

The Interpreters hearing these angry Menaces, found a way to soften them by the *Kehaia*, who, as was pretended, had moderated the *Vizir*, so that he declared himself willing to give him Audience in his Pavillion upon equal place, to let it be seen, That he understood well the Grandure and Power of the Emperor of *France*, above other Christian Princes : But for granting Audience, on the *Sofa*, it was not in his Power ; The *Grand Seignior*, having order'd that Ambassadors should receive it, below, even all, not excepting that of *France*.

They pretend too, That the *Grand Vizir* after his Avowing, this indeed wilful want of Power ; should say he would try to alter his Highness's Resolution, as soon as he came to *Adrianople* ; where he was going to find that Emperor : And that in the
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mean time he intreated Monsieur *Guilleragues*, that as he had not come to the Port without leave of his Highness, so he would not go without it: finishing all this fine Discourse with many offers of Service to the Ambassador; as well relating to his own particular, as to that of Trade,

Monsieur *Guilleragues*, came not of his Embassy by leave of the *Grand Seignior*, nor is the *Vizir* accustomed to intreat this Ambassador; such Discourses are not common with that haughty Minister, no more than his offers of Service: And promise of Audience on equal Seats: Nor can we unriddle the Mystery of saying, The *French Ships* should come to the *Dardanelloes*; since why not to *Constantinople*? But in fine we may conclude, That if Monsieur *Guilleragues* expects the *Vizir* should intercede for the *Sofa*, he is cheated the third time. For it is certain, the depriving him so long of it can justly be imputed to none but himself, who in that is Master. Therefore his best excuse will be to say that his Interpreters surpriz'd him: But all these Cheats would appear but Trifles, so he be not cheated too by the renewing the Truce with the Emperor. And should there be a War, it would advantage him but little; and it is plain, nothing would be of more use to him, then the playing again, the Cannon of his King; It must not be forgotten that the Ambassador would have it believ'd, that he had ended the great Business at *Chio*, for

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Baubles, even just nothing : And that he had in a manner forc't the *Grand Seignior* to give Audience to his Servants. This ridiculous Report, and groundless Vanity, is come to the Ears of the *Grand Vizir*, to whom they Interpreted the *Paris Gazets*, that are fill'd with the Glory of *Monsieur Guilleragues* ; and seem to insinuate a low Condescension in the Port : But since this Infidel Minister knows the folly of these Brags ; which he sees destroy'd by the Relations Printed in other Countries : They serve only, for a Subject to augment his Pride ; and gives him a Pleasure, the more to Chagrine and Mortifie the *French Ambassador*.

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